



Attorney Docket No. 4390

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINITZKY et al.

Serial No.: 09/647,457

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: **ASSAY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BASED ON A NEW PEPTIDE**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2002. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire April 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 7 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended claim and Appendix B is a clean copy of the amended claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-14 are currently pending in the present application. The claims have been amended in the expectation that the amendments will place this application in condition for allowance. The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments

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